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FULL FREEWAY CLOSURE SCHEDULED FOR SOUTHBOUND SAN DIEGO FREEWAY (I-405)

INGLEWOOD – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will close all lanes of the southbound San Diego Freeway (I-405) at Century Boulevard for overhead sign installation and lighting work, Wednesday night, May 18, from midnight until 5 a.m., weather permitting. **The detour is as follows:**

Exit Century Boulevard-West off-ramp, and proceed south on La Cienega Boulevard to southbound I-405 Freeway on-ramp (first on-ramp, just south of Century Boulevard). Detour signs will be in place on the right shoulder of the southbound I-405 Freeway, near the La Tijera Boulevard on-ramp, and also along La Cienega Boulevard.

Caltrans will also close various lanes, ramps, and connectors on the northbound and southbound San Diego Freeway (I-405) from Jefferson Boulevard to Imperial Highway, for High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane and soundwall construction each day, Monday, May 16 through Friday, May 20, from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m., weather permitting. Both day and night work will take place. At least one regular use lane on the freeway and one collector lane, in each direction, will be open to traffic at all times.

MONDAY MAY 16:

The following northbound I-405 connectors, lanes, and ramps will be closed from 6 p.m. until 6 a.m.: up to two lanes from the eastbound I-105 connector to Manchester Boulevard; up to two lanes from Manchester Boulevard to Braddock Drive; one collector lane from Imperial Highway to Century Boulevard. The following southbound I-405 connectors, lanes, and ramps will be closed from 6 p.m. until 6 a.m.: up to two regular use lanes from Jefferson Boulevard to La Cienega Boulevard; up to two regular use lanes will be closed from La Cienega Boulevard to Century Boulevard; Manchester Boulevard/La Cienega Boulevard off-ramp; La Tijera Boulevard on-ramp; and the Sepulveda Boulevard/Centinela Boulevard on-ramp.

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NIGHTLY, TUESDAY, MAY 17, THURSDAY, MAY 19, AND FRIDAY, MAY 20:

The following northbound I-405 connectors, lanes, and ramps will be closed from 6 p.m. until 6 a.m.: up to two lanes from El Segundo Boulevard to the eastbound Glenn Anderson Freeway (I-105) connector; up to two lanes from the eastbound I-105 connector to Manchester Boulevard; up to two lanes from Manchester Boulevard to Braddock Drive; and two collector lanes from Imperial Highway to Century Boulevard. The following southbound I-405 connectors, lanes, and ramps will be closed from 6 p.m. until 6 a.m.: up to two regular use lanes will be closed from La Cienega Boulevard to Century Boulevard; up to two regular use lanes from Century Boulevard to Imperial Highway; Manchester Boulevard/La Cienega Boulevard off-ramp; La Tijera Boulevard on-ramp; and the Sepulveda Boulevard/Centinela Boulevard on-ramp.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18:

The northbound I-405 collector lane from Imperial Highway to Century Boulevard will be closed from 10 a.m. until 6 a.m. The following southbound I-405 connectors, lanes, and ramps will be closed from 6 p.m. until 6 a.m.: one regular use lane from Jefferson Boulevard to La Cienega Boulevard; up to two regular use lanes will be closed from La Cienega Boulevard to Century Boulevard; one collector lane from Century Boulevard to Imperial Highway; all lanes from Arbor Vitae Street overcrossing to I-105; one connector lane from southbound I-405 to the westbound I-105; westbound Century Boulevard on-ramp; and the Olive Boulevard /Manchester Boulevard on-ramp.

The \$34.7 million I-405 HOV lane project started construction in spring, 2003. The project will add 5.1 miles of HOV lanes in both the northbound and southbound directions along I-405 between Route 105 and Route 90. Soundwalls will be built at various locations. The time frame for completion is winter, 2006.

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